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Army offers \$1,000 high school senior bonus, increases Army Reserve bonuses

FORT KNOX, Ky. – The U.S. Army Recruiting Command introduced a new \$1,000 high school senior ship bonus and increased the bonuses for recruits with civilian skills needed by the Army Reserve, as well as recruits enlisting for Army Reserve officer and warrant officer candidate programs.

The Army is offering an additional \$1,000 cash enlistment bonus for qualified high school seniors who have already contracted or plan to ship in the active Army and agree to report for training before Sept. 30. The students must complete high school and receive their diplomas to remain eligible for the bonus.

This bonus may be combined with other enlistment incentives, up to the maximum \$40,000 bonus combination depending on their reservation dates.

The high school senior bonus will be paid upon completion of basic combat training or one-station unit training. Payment of all other bonuses for which recruits qualify will begin once they have completed basic and advanced individual training.

Army Reserve Civilian Acquired Skills Bonus

Qualified Army Reserve applicants who already have civilian skills that the Army Reserve needs and who enlist for six years in a critical skill specialty may be eligible for bonus of up to \$10,000. This bonus may be combined with the Reserve Student Loan Repayment Program up which pays up to \$10,000 for qualifying student loans. The previous bonus was \$5,000.

Army Reserve Officer Candidate School & Warrant Officer Candidate Flight Training program bonus

Officer candidates, who apply for eligible Areas of Concentration (AOC) such as aviation, ordnance, transportation, petroleum supply, engineer and health services, may now qualify for a \$10,000 bonus. Eligibility is based on the applicant's civilian education or technical skills, length of enlistment, previous military service, and assignment to an Army Reserve troop program unit (TPU) in the selected AOC for six years. Bonus payments are contingent upon satisfactorily completing all phases of training. Bonus amounts, eligibility criteria and qualifying AOCs are subject to change. The previous bonus, implemented in March 2005, was \$6,000.

To learn more about Army and Army Reserve opportunities, visit your local Army recruiter or log on to www.goarmy.com.